

2011

Washington Borough Budget Summary

In a continued effort to provide residents with clear and detailed information regarding the Borough revenues and expenditures, this Budget Summary has been created.

While the Borough Tax Rate increased by 7.7 cents to account for State mandated expenditures, overall spending was decreased \$238,616.88, or 3.27%

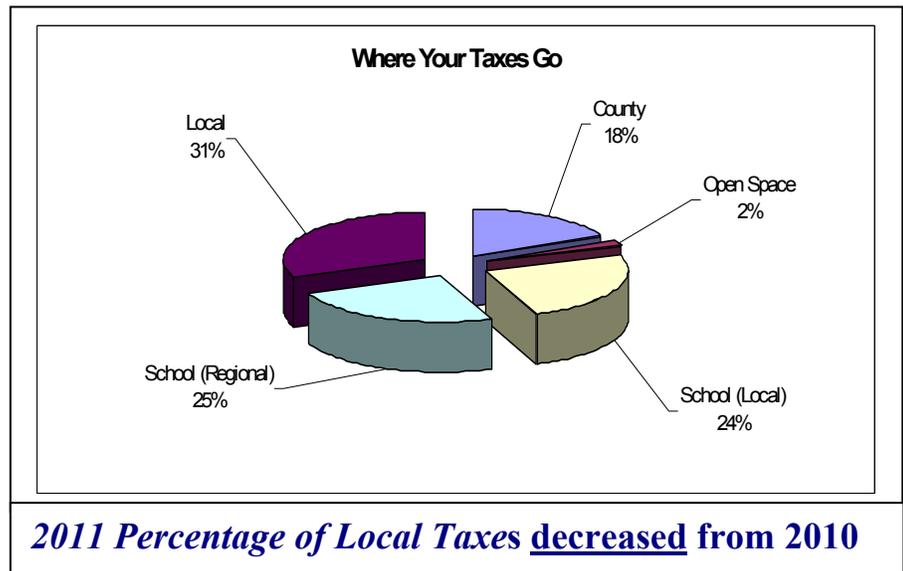
* This translates into an increase in the average tax bill of \$108 per year for Municipal purposes.

* Our finances continue to improve as a result we **DID NOT** need Transitional Aid

A Few of the Budget Considerations:

- Maintained all services from those provided in 2010 while meeting all State mandated budget requirements.
- **Decrease** in the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes from \$882,990.60 in 2010 to \$702,697.55 in 2011 as a result of an **increase** in the tax collection rate to 96.01%.
- Decrease in debt obligations and health insurance costs.
- Stabilization of recurring revenues.

<u>2011 Tax Rate</u>	
Warren County	.816
Open Space	.051
School (Local)	1.125
School (Regional)	1.141
Municipal	1.443
TOTAL	4.670
*Per \$100 of assessed valuation	



Some of the Actions taken by Council:

- Reduced overall spending in 2011 by \$238,616.88 (3.27%)
- No new debt issued since 2008.
- Approved \$100,000 for Forensic Audit as a result of voter approval of November 2010 referendum question.
- Brought sewer billing in-house which realizes a savings of \$60,000/year.
- Entered into a Shared Services Agreement for Library Director Services with the Local Board of Education resulting in a \$50,000/year savings.
- **Increased** surplus from \$39,381.41 in 2009 to \$666,681.14 in 2010.

Moving Forward:

- Continued exploration of cost savings from additional shared services wherever possible
- Pursue grant monies and actively seek ways to increase revenues
 - In 2011 the Borough received \$140,000 for road improvements
- Continue to strengthen our surplus balance.

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2011 will find the Borough facing even more financially challenging times as the State enforced a new 2% levy CAP; no CAP waivers and no increase to State aid.

Washington Borough Expenditures

	Total 2011 Departmental Budget	Total 2010 Departmental Budget	% of change
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Administrative and Executive	149,477	148,180	0.88%
Mayor and Council	18,215	17,798	2.34%
Municipal Clerk	87,699	73,556	19.23%
Financial Administration	233,204	134,755	73.06%
Revenue Administration	164,709	159,941	2.98%
Assessment of Taxes	60,309	60,177	0.22%
Legal Services and Costs	69,000	69,000	0.00%
Engineering Services and Costs	47,500	47,500	0.00%
Downtown Redevelopment	-	-	0.00%
Local Code Enforcement	41,875	49,675	-15.70%
Public Library	192,663	194,280	-0.83%
Parks & Recreation	40,000	125,818	-68.21%
Shared Services Agreement for Municipal Court	162,622	143,903	13.01%
Local Municipal Alliance	1,958	5,000	-60.84%
Celebration of Public Events	500	500	0.00%
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION			
Planning Board	11,365	11,383	-0.15%
Board of Adjustment	9,568	9,835	-2.71%
INSURANCE			
General Liability & Worker's Comp. Employee Group Health	434,483	498,715	-12.88%
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Fire	101,319	101,319	0.00%
Police	14,608	72,100	-79.74%
Municipal Prosecutor	-	21,600	-100.00%
Public Defender	6,000	6,000	0.00%
First Aid Organization	19,300	19,300	0.00%
Fire & Safety Code Enforcement	27,484	26,544	3.54%
Office of Emergency Management	6,015	4,015	49.81%
Shared Services Agreement for Police Services	2,143,646	2,085,000	2.81%
Animal Control	10,108	10,108	0.00%
PUBLIC WORKS			
Road Repair & Maintenance:	501,831	476,516	5.31%
Shade Tree Commission:	14,434	8,939	61.47%
Public Buildings and Grounds:	42,278	40,876	3.43%
Solid Waste Collection:	259,000	270,500	-4.25%
Solid Waste Disposal	173,400	170,000	2.00%
P.E.O.S.H.A. (P.L. 1983, C.516)	1,000	1,000	0.00%
RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES			
	702,541	882,991	-20.44%
UNCLASSIFIED			
Electricity	59,000	53,000	11.32%
Natural Gas	35,000	27,000	29.63%
Heating Oil	5,000	9,000	-44.44%
Street Lighting & Traffic Lights	83,500	83,500	0.00%
Telephone	30,000	35,000	-14.29%
Water	15,000	6,500	130.77%
Sewerage Disposal	-	-	0.00%
Gasoline and Diesel Fuel	15,000	13,000	15.38%
STATUTORY			
Public Employees' Retirement System	136,453	73,887	84.68%
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	90,520	101,369	-10.70%
Consolidated Police and Firemen's Pension	-	10,103	-100.00%
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	-	-	0.00%
Unemployment Insurance	23,747	20,000	18.73%
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	3,000	500	500.00%
MUNICIPAL DEBT			
	808,827	829,716	-2.52%

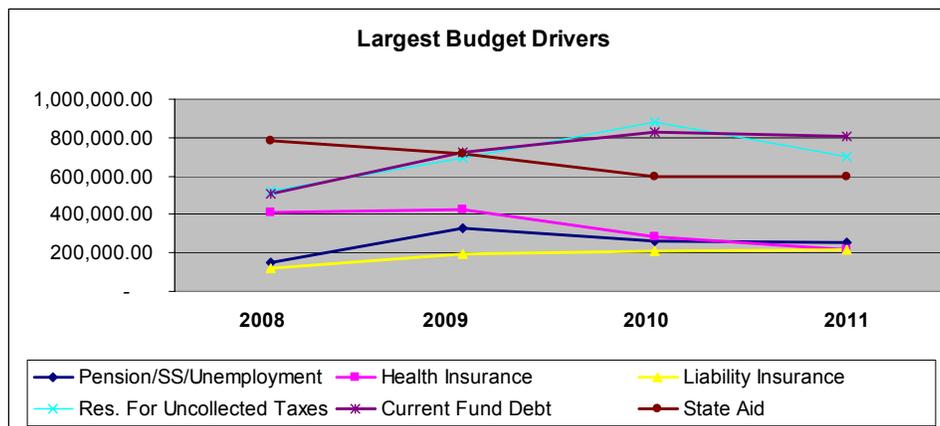
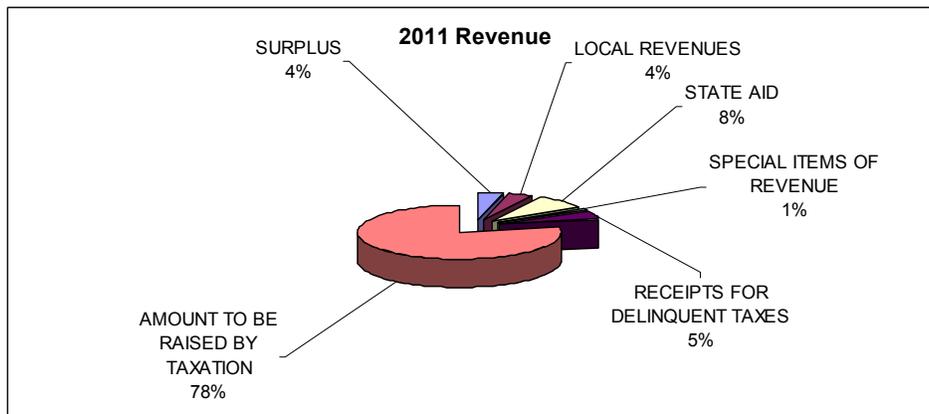
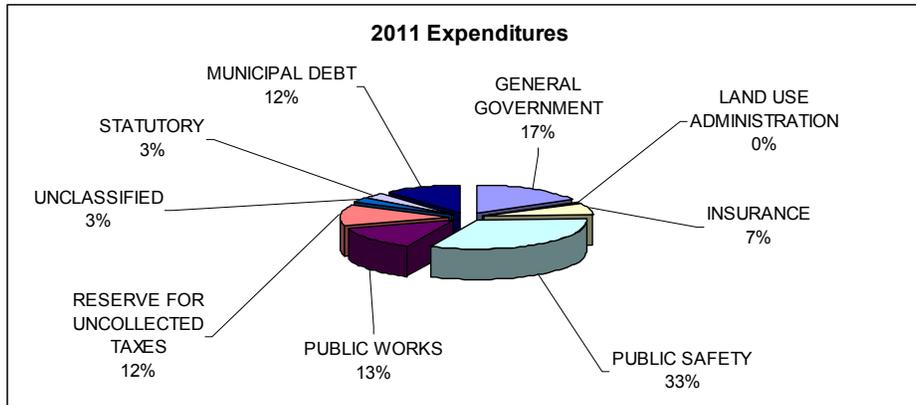
Washington Borough 2011 Revenues

General Revenues

		Anticipated		Realized in Cash in 2010
		2011	2010	
Miscellaneous Revenues				
	Surplus Anticipated	306,687.36	130,000.00	130,000.00
	Local Revenues	256,400.00	244,300.00	320,359.31
	State Aid	593,376.00	993,376.00	993,376.00
	Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated (Grants)	73,625.00	94,838.04	267,907.54
	Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	344,431.55	581,000.00	657,536.78
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget				
	Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget (Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes)	5,562,397.76	5,294,709.57	5,527,142.22
Total General Revenues		7,136,911.67	7,515,767.04	7,896,321.85

We continue to face an unstable economy with recession-like qualities. Revenues have dropped by 3.3% from 2010 – 2011.

Financial Data



To view the entire 2011 budget, as well as other important financial documents, please visit the Borough's website at www.washingtonboro-nj.org.

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